

APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of:

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

Shilin Chen

**Entitled: FORCE-BALANCED ROLLER-CONE BITS, SYSTEMS,
DRILLING METHODS, AND DESIGN METHODS**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

1. ☒ **This Fee Transmittal Form (3 Total Pages)**
2. **Applicant is:**
☒ **Large Entity**
☐ **Small Entity**
☐ **Small Entity Statement enclosed**
☐ **Small Entity Statement filed in prior application.**
Status still proper and desired.
3. ☒ **Specification (24 Total Pages)**
4. ☒ **Drawing(s) (8 Total Sheets)**
☒ **Formal**
☐ **Informal**
5. ☒ **Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney**
(1 Document, 2 Total Pages)
☐ **Newly executed (original)**
☒ **Copy from a prior application**
(for continuation/divisional only)

6. The accompanying application is:

☐ Original
☒ Continuation
☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)
Prior Application No.: 10/383,805
Filed: March 8, 2003
Examiner: Unknown
Group/Art Unit: Unknown
Confirmation No.: 2496

which is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

(For Continuation or Divisional Applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5 above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.)

7. ☐ Priority of foreign Application No. _____, filed on _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
☐ A certified copy is attached.
☐ A certified copy was filed in prior Application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/383,805 filed by Shilin Chen on March 8, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/833,016 filed by Shilin Chen on April 10, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/387,737 filed by Shilin Chen on August 31, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,213,225, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/098,466 filed on August 31, 1998.

FEE CALCULATION:

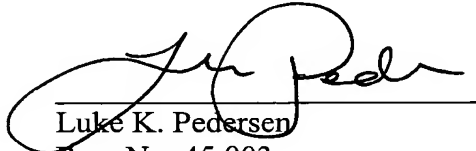
CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

8. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to _____ is attached. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and § 3.31 is included with an Assignment recordal fee of \$ 40 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h).
9. ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 (6 Total Pages)**
☐ Copies of IDS Citations.
☒ **Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished.**
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☒ **Request for Interference (22 pages)**
12. ☒ **Customer Association Form (1 page)**
13. ☒ **Certificate of Mailing (1 page)**
14. ☒ **Return Receipt Postcard**
15. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 to satisfy filing fee requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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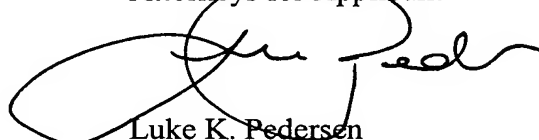
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